

**Hello Members of the Seniors & Accessibility Advisory Committee:**

**Parks Planning (Development Services) has launched our community engagement segment of our Parks Strategic Plan, and we'd like to invite your comments.**

**Barrie's population is expected to reach 298,000 people by 2051. As the city grows, parks must grow with it.**

### **What is a Parks Strategic Plan?**

The Parks Strategic Plan will create a framework for how parks and outdoor recreation facilities in Barrie are developed and improved.

This plan will deliver a community-informed and sustainability-focused roadmap for future parkland and outdoor recreation services in Barrie.

### **Why are Parks important?**

Parks are essential to community well-being: a well-designed park system enhances quality of life, supports the economy, and helps build a healthy community.

### **How Do Accessible Parks Enhance Community?**

- Better pathways and mobility
- More comfortable places to stay longer
- Encourages social gathering
- Inclusive recreation for all ages and abilities
- Safer parks
- Better wayfinding



# **Parks Strategic Plan**

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## **What will the Parks Strategic Plan be looking at?**

- What community values, principles, and desires should be incorporated into the planning of future parks and park redevelopment projects;
- Which outdoor recreation facilities and amenities should be distributed where across Barrie;
- How to recognize the environmental functions of parks and develop policies to restore, support and improve ecological functioning.
- How and where to apply funding for the acquisition of new parkland.
- How to best deliver park services, including building new parks, maintaining parks and revitalizing existing parks.

## **How can the Seniors & Accessibility Advisory Committee help?**

1. **What suggestions or feedback do you have to improve park services from the perspective of seniors and improved accessibility for all? Please feel free to share your comments by email directly to [wendy.loevenmark@barrie.ca](mailto:wendy.loevenmark@barrie.ca) and/or through the Survey.**

2. **Please take the Survey! See links below:**



**Please take the online  
[Survey on buildingbarrie.ca](https://buildingbarrie.ca).  
Open until March 22, 2026.**

***Thank you for participating!***



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